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Re: Spray-On Fireproofing

Dear Bill:

I noted in a New York Post article of April 15th that you were analyzing some air samples which you had taken at eight locations around the World Trade Center.

I would appreciate very much if you will forward to me the results of your analysis and any other comments you may feel appropriate.

Sincerely,

James R. Endler

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bcc: Mr. Guy F. Tozzoli

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Dust Peril At Trade Center?

By TIMOTHY FERRIS

That white coating covering the bottom third of one *World Trade Center tower* like cake icing is asbestos. Eventually both towers are to be completely sheathed in asbestos spray, and there is mounting concern about whether the spraying poses a hazard to breathing human beings.

The Trade Center is the biggest, though not the only, project in the city where asbestos is being sprayed. City personnel equipped with vacuum cleaners and filter paper have been gathering air samples in the area, and politicians exploring the pollution issue have begun to make it a campaign stop.

Robert Morgenthau, who is a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, *held a news conference* in a drizzling rain at the trade center construction site yesterday to charge that Governor Rockefeller has done nothing to determine whether those who work or live in downtown Manhattan were endangered by dust from the spraying, which many doctors believe causes lung cancer. Yellow and white tarpaulins, erected to contain the spray, billowed *from the middle floors of the* tower.

"The cancer rate for asbestos workers is seven times the national average," Morgenthau said," and 5000 tons of asbestos will be used in this project.

"One thing about asbestos —it is indestructable," he said. "Once it gets in a person's system it never gets out." Morgenthau called on the state Air Pollution Control Board to hold hearings "to determine the exact health effects of massive amounts of asbestos spray which may produce cancer now being injected into the atmosphere."

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Alexander Rihm, executive secretary of the board, said no action would be taken until they received a formal request from Morgenthau.

The Port Authority issued a statement defending their safety precautions as "quite superior to others in use elsewhere." They said the tarpaulins contain the spray, and that excess spray is collected while still wet and packed in plastic bags or metal containers so that the wind won't blow it away when it dries.

"It is quite true that they have done more than anyone else," said William Nicholson, assistant professor of community medicine at Mt. Sinai hospital, "but there are things they could do that would improve matters. They are like two-thirds of *the way there.*"

Mt. Sinai plans to use a 40,000 power electron microscope to analyze air samples taken by the city at eight locations around the trade center site. Analysis will take about two weeks, Nicholson said.

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